

# CALL THE BALL

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## 130th Farmington Composite Squadron

### Commanders Corner.

Step up to the plate. How many of us have been worried about how we will do and then once we find ourselves in the midst we calm down and do "ok." One way to get over these jitters is to train and be prepared. Farmington spends a lot of its time in training. For some tasks you need to ask to step up to the plate and get the ball rolling. Right now we have a lot of jobs to do and not as many staff people as I would like. Who will step in or step up the action? A great man once said "Lead, Follow or get the \*\$#& outa my way." I would like you all to aspire to lead in some way. Everyone including yours truly has to be prepared to follow. And when we are in over our heads and calmer more talented people come along we must be ready to step back and get out of the way.

### Welcome back!

Lieutenant Jones returns to the fold after some time spent getting settled into a new job and taking care of some health issues. His return is most welcome so please join me in welcoming him back. For those who do not know him he has served a long and distinguished career in the Air Force. He is one of the first members of the Farmington "flight." His personal history includes flying into combat in the Vietnam war. Trivia question. His flight position included flying "backwards" can you guess what his job was? Among other things he is a licensed private pilot and was quite interested and maybe even a little impressed to hear that 4 of our Cadets has been accepted for solo encampment. His new job with computers is interesting perhaps we will hear more about it later. BTW he is also a very talented model builder. I'm happy to have him rejoin the staff.

**Duty, Honor, Country** – those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can

be, what you will be. They are your rallying point to build courage when courage seems to fail, to regain faith when there seems little cause for faith, to create hope when hope becomes forlorn. The unbelievers will say these are but words, but a slogan, but a flamboyant phrase. Every pedant, every demagogue, every cynic, every hypocrite, every troublemaker, and, I am sorry to say, some others of an entirely different character, will try to downgrade them even to the extent of mockery and ridicule. But these are some of the things they do. They build your basic character. They mold you for your future roles as custodians of the nation's defense. They make you strong enough to know when you are weak and brave enough to face yourself when you are afraid. They teach you to be proud and unbending in honest failure, but humble and gentle in success: not to substitute words for action, nor to seek the path of comfort, but to face the stress and spur of difficulty and challenge; to learn to stand up in the storm, but to have compassion on those who fall; to master yourself before you seek to master others; to have a heart that is clean, a goal that is high; to learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep; to reach into the future, yet never neglect the past; be serious, yet never to take yourself too seriously; to be modest so that you will remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength. – **General Douglas MacArthur.**

### Activity City -

A Search And Rescue exercise is scheduled for 13-15 March at the Hutchinson Airport. This is a Wing wide exercise. Air and ground SAR training will be held on Saturday. Briefing is at 0830 local. Form 5 and form 91 training and evaluations will be flown on Sunday. For information contact Bernie Knutson, MC at 320-587-2543;

e-mail SBKnutson@ aol.com or Capt. Scott Sinks at 612-774-4075; e-mail scsinks@pclink.com

There will be a Cadet Advisory Council Meeting on Saturday, 14MAR98 during the Wing SAR. The meeting will be at 1300 hours at the site of the SAR. Any observers are welcome, the uniform will be BDU' s.

Due to personal reasons Brig. General Bergman has resigned. Our new national commander is brig. General Jay Bobick.

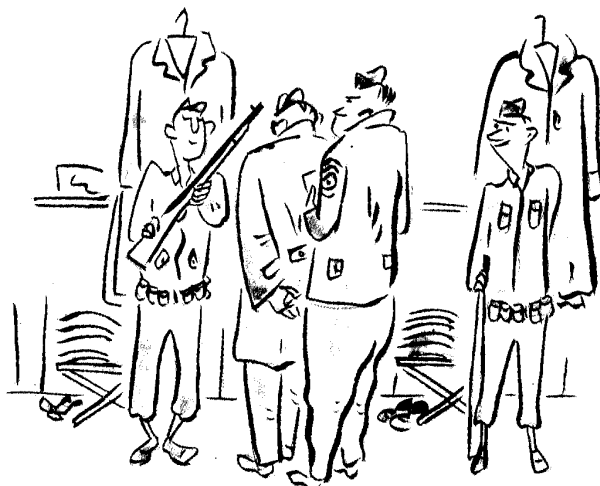
***April 16, and 23 we will be hosting the Valley Cadet Sq. for some advanced ES work. There will be the opportunity to show you know your stuff as an evaluation will be performed with the first ever Fox Turd trophy will be awarded to the unit who scores highest on the ELT hunt.***

Tentative date for another group 4 SAR is early May. Local Even though this is training Cpl has requested that all responding members have a 101 card. Lets get our ducks in a row so we are ready.

The Minnesota Air National Guard presents Roger Greenan, Huey gunship pilot in Vietnam who flew 1000 hours; 700 combat; 300 non-combat; shot-down twice; experienced a mid-air collision; awarded 23 air medals. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18th at the historic Fort Snelling History Center auditorium. \$2 donation. (Located on the bluffs above the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers. Follow directional signs on Hwys 5 and 55, east of the MPLS/ST Paul International Airport.) For more information, you can contact the Museum at 612-713-2523.

Free FAA Wings Safety Seminar  
Saturday, March 14th, 1998  
0900 to 1100  
Hennepin Technical Auditorium  
9200 Flying Cloud Drive  
Eden Prairie, MN

Stress: The Spice of Life or the Kiss of Death is the main topic presented by Richard Obershaw. He is a writer , national speaker and a pilot. Free coffee and donuts at 0830. Drawing for door prizes at 1100. Sponsored by the MSP FSDO and Thunderbird Aviation. Qualifies for the ground portion of the Wings Program. John Edmunds LTC,CAP



#### 1998 HAM EXAM SCHEDULE

ST. PAUL RADIO CLUB (ST PAUL)  
Contact: Jay Bellows K0QB 222-7253  
Test Site: Saint Luke School  
1065 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN  
Summit Avenue & Lexington Avenue  
1ST SATURDAY 8:30 A.M.

SE METRO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (SEMARC)  
Contact: David Harrell N0IPN 459-8678  
Test Site: Fire Station Number 2  
8641 80th Street South  
Cottage Grove, MN  
3RD SATURDAY 8:30 A.M.

VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (VARC)  
Contact: Paul Ramey WG0G 432-1640  
or Bill Martin KA0CIR 432-0438  
Test Site: Hayes Community Center  
2ND THURSDAY 7:00 P.M.

BLOOMINGTON RADIO CLUB (BARC)  
Contact: Jerry Jensen WT0W 888-6187  
Test Site: Creekside Community Ctr.  
98th & Penn Avenue South  
Bloomington, MN  
2ND SATURDAY 9:00 A.M.

W5YI GROUP  
Contact: Dave Ranney N0AXL 542-2553  
Test Site: Eden Prairie Library  
479 Eden Prairie Drive  
Eden Prairie, MN  
3RD TUESDAY 6:30 P.M

ANOKA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (AARC)  
Contact: Arthur Mundy W0YFZ 571-7441  
Test Site: Blaine City Hall??  
2ND SATURDAY 9:00 A.M.